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TO AMEMBASSY LISBON IMMEDIATE

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TAGS: EFIN, ECON, PO

SUBJECT: DRAFT PRESS RELEASE

REF: LISBON 1446

1. FOLLOWING IS DEPARTMENT'S REVISION OF PROPOSED PRESS  
RELEASE ON BALANCE OF PAYMENTS LOAN.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE BANK OF PORTUGAL AND THE GOVERNMENT  
OF THE UNITED STATES SIGNED AN AGREEMENT IN LISBON TODAY  
UNDER WHICH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE  
AVAILABLE TO PORTUGAL DURING 1978 \$300 MILLION FOR  
BALANCE OF PAYMENTS SUPPORT. SIGNING ON BEHALF OF THE  
BANK OF PORTUGAL WERE (NAMES AND TITLES). HERBERT S.  
OKUN, CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN LISBON,  
SIGNED FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. THIS \$300  
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MILLION LOAN IS PART OF A COORDINATED INTERNATIONAL AR-  
RANGEMENT DEVELOPED OVER THE LAST YEAR AND A HALF IN  
CONJUNCTION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL. THE PURPOSE  
OF THE LOAN IS TO SUPPORT THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT'S  
PROGRAM FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY. END TEXT.

3. FOLLOWING ARE TWO QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON WHICH THE

DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE THE EMBASSY'S VIEWS. THEY WOULD  
BE USED IN DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY BRIEFINGS ONLY ON AN  
IF ASKED" BASIS.

Q. WHEN IS THE U.S. GOING TO MAKE THE FIRST DISBURSEMENT  
UNDER THE LOAN?

A. THE U.S. WILL DISBURSE THE LOAN AS SOON AS THE  
TECHNICAL CONDITIONS SPECIFIED UNDER THE LOAN AGREEMENT  
HAVE BEEN MET.

Q. IS THE U.S. GOING TO ALLOW THE IMF TO SET THE TERMS  
OF DISBURSEMENT?

A. THE UNITED STATES AND PORTUGAL JOINTLY AGREED ON THE  
TERMS OF DISBURSEMENT IN NEGOTIATIONS THAT WERE STRICTLY  
BILATERAL. THE LOAN IS PART OF A COORDINATED INTERNA-  
TIONAL ARRANGEMENT THAT ALSO IS TO INCLUDE A SECOND IMF  
STANDBY AGREEMENT. VANCE

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